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## **HACETE ESCUCHAR:** YOUTH FREE OF VIOLENCE

Building the Capacity of Youth, Communities, and Organizations to Prevent and address Domestic Violence in San Jose, Cartago, Heredia, and Alajuela.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On September 28th, 2017, the U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) provided a two-year grant to Population Services International (PSI) and Proyectos en Salud Integral (PSI-Costa Rica), and sub recipient, Glasswing International to build the capacity of youth, communities and organizations to prevent and address domestic violence in Guanacaste, Limón, and Puntarenas. In 2019, the program was extended for two years and to new geographic areas: San Jose, Cartago, Heredia, and Alajuela.

#### GOAL

■ The main goal of this project is to increase awareness and prevention of domestic violence in areas where vulnerability is highest due to drug trafficking and gang activity; and to expand victim assistance services through development of inter institutional procedures to increase governmental capacity in Costa Rica.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Build the capacity of youth ages 12 to 18 years old in community settings to generate awareness and promote the prevention of domestic violence.
- Increase the percentage of reported domestic violence cases in San Jose, Cartago, Heredia, and Alajuela.
- Increase the awareness of youth about the negative impact of domestic violence through a communications campaign in San Jose, Cartago, Heredia, and Alajuela.

### **GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE** Costa Rica

- San José: Centro Cívico para la Paz La Capri (Desamparados), Pavas, Escazú
- Cartago: Centro Cívico Para la Paz Cartago, Oreamuno
- Heredia: Centro Cívico para la Paz Guararí (Heredia). San Antonio de Belén
- Alajuela: Centro Cívico para la Paz Aguas Zarcas (San Carlos), Santa Rita



#### TARGET POPULATION

Low to middle-income youth ages 12 to 18 years old in the geographic areas of intervention of this program.

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